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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE ON U.S. ARMS SALES TO PINDI

1. WASHINGTON POST (APRIL 22) STORY BY RICHARD WEINTRAUB ON U.S. TO SELL ARMS TO PAKISTAN RECEIVED PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE PLAY IN THE MORNING PRESS APRIL 23.

2. IDENTICAL HEADLINES AND STORY LEADS STRESSED THAT U.S. IS PREPARING TO SELL RAWALPINDI DOLS100 MILLION WORTH OF ARMS-- THE FIRST "SIGNIFICANT" ARMS SALE TO THE SUBCONTINENT ON A CASH-AND-CARRY BASIS.

3. IN THEIR DIX NEWSMEN MADE THESE OBSERVATIONS:

--"IRONICALLY, THIS DISCLOSURE COMES A DAY AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED MOVES BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO IMPROVE

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THEIR RELATIONS." (T.V.PARSURAM, INDIAN EXPRESS)

--"INDIAN OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

THERE IS GROUND FOR WORRY THAT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS

BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE U.S. ARE THE THIN END OF A

WEDGE WITH LARGER SALES LIKELY IN THE MONTHS TO COME

IF IT FINDS THAT INDIA DOES NOT PROTEST." (M.V. KAMATH,

TIMES OF INDIA).

4. IF ASKED ABOUT ARMS SALES STORIES, EMBASSY WILL

RESPOND WE HAVE NO COMMENT.SAXBE

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